



# REACHING THE G.O.A.L.

The Newsletter for Adult Students at Montgomery College, Germantown Campus

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## Unemployed, Underemployed or Unhappily Employed? Join us for a JOB HUNT BOOT CAMP!

Are you stuck in a boring job or a dead-end career? Are you (or someone you know) out of work and desperate to find a position? Would you like to find your "Dream Job?"



In this **FREE** 3-hour workshop, you'll learn to:

- Identify your own unique talents, natural abilities, and skill sets
- Develop realistic but exciting career goals
- Discover your stress levels and learn strategies to leverage them
- Find the **NUMBER ONE source of great jobs** (hint: it's NOT Monster.com)
- Craft a winning resume and cover letter
- Identify key steps in preparing for a job interview
- Answer the most important question an interviewer will ask
- Effectively evaluate multiple job offers and negotiate a great salary

**Saturday, November 14, 2009**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Montgomery College, Germantown Campus**

**Co-Sponsored by Montgomery College & Career Fitness Coach, LLC**

**HT Building - Globe Hall**

To sign up for this event go to: [www.jobhuntbootcamp.com](http://www.jobhuntbootcamp.com)

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### Upcoming Events at MC

- **October 1** – Transfer Day. 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. HT Building.
- **October 7** – Study Skills/Time Management Workshop. 6:00 – 7:00 PM; HT 216.
- **October 7** – Smith College Information Session. 3:00 – 4:00 PM; HU 009. Rockville Campus.
- **October 17** – MC Scholarship Conference. 9 AM – 2:30 PM. Free, Open to Public. HT Bldg.
- **October 19** – Assessment of Prior Learning Information Session. 5:30 – 6:30 PM; HT 216.

## TIME MANAGEMENT & STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP



**Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 – 7:00 PM**

**HT Building, Room 216**



**If you were unable to attend the Open House in August, this is the chance to attend the Time Management and Study Skills workshop. The workshop will examine ways that adult students can polish their study skills, as well as how to balance their academic and personal schedules in a way that allows them to accomplish all of their goals.**

**RSVP to [goal@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:goal@montgomerycollege.edu)**

## ADULT STUDENT SPOTLIGHT ON... MS. DIAMOND PIPER Early Childhood Development Major



### Hello, Diamond! Tell us a little about yourself...

My name is Diamond Piper. I am married and have two children, Lauren (two years old), and Erica (ten months old). I also hold a work-study position at the MC Office of Admissions, on the Germantown campus.

My major is Early Childhood Development, with an ultimate goal of being an elementary school teacher. However, I would also like to be a mentor for urban youth who have children.

### What is the biggest challenge for you as an adult student?

My biggest challenge is juggling home life, work, volunteering, and school. This is my first semester at MC. I have 15 semester hours and work 12 hours a week, at the Germantown Admissions Office. I like to offer my children as many activities as possible. We often go to Washington Mystics and Wizards games and just about any other children's event at the Verizon center, as well as the National Zoo, Smithsonian Museums, the Discovery Center at the Germantown Public Library. My children are also enrolled in yoga and art classes at Rompn'Roll. I pride myself in ensuring my children attend at least two events a week and make sure they eat a proper, healthy diet (they are organic babies and toddlers).

### What is the Young Parents Group?

I am in the process of starting a young parents group on the Germantown campus. The goal of the club will be to support and provide resources for young students who have children. There will be kid-friendly activities on and off campus, with an ultimate goal of reaching out to young adults with children who are not enrolled in college, or those who haven't received their diploma to qualify for college enrollment. I want my peers and future students to be abreast of all the opportunities available at MC and in our community. The interest meeting for this group will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the SA building, room 159.

### What advice do you have for other adult learners like yourself?

Pray, prepare and proceed. Having a phenomenal self-esteem will ensure your confidence to be successful. Preparing your tasks ahead of time will make your schedule run smoothly. Use all of the resources available at school, including the library, the computer labs, counselors and the Office of Student Life. Don't be afraid to ask questions, email your professors, or seek tutoring. Do your best and expect the best. When you have confidence and prepare, you are guaranteed to succeed.

Be sure to volunteer as much as your schedule will allow. Volunteering lifts your spirits and is an important aspect of your academic career, especially since you will need to stand out as an Adult Learner! Good luck and best wishes!

## Young Parents Group Interest Meeting



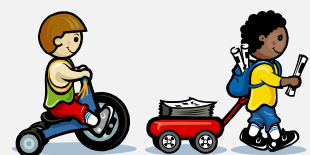
Are you a young parent juggling college and family? Are you looking for other students on campus who have similar backgrounds and experiences? Are you interested in finding events on campus that are kid-friendly?



Join us on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> for a meeting to discuss starting a student group for young parents at Montgomery College.

**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30 - 7:30 PM**  
**SA Building, Rm. 159**

**Children welcome!**



Please RSVP to  
[goal@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:goal@montgomerycollege.edu)

## Thinking of Transferring?

**Consider...**



Smith College, in Northampton, Massachusetts, is one of the nation's largest liberal arts colleges for women. It was founded in 1871 and has provided women of high ability and promises an education of uncompromising quality.

If you are interested in attending Smith College, or just learning about it, this will be an excellent opportunity to get information and meet a key person in the admission process at Smith.

**Smith College offers the Ada Comstock Program for non-traditional women who are at least 24 years old.**

**Find out more at:**

**<http://www.smith.edu/ada/>**

Ms. Deedee Cleveland, Asst. Director of Admissions at Smith College will be visiting Montgomery College. She will be at the **Rockville** campus on

**Wednesday, October 7, 2009  
3:00 - 4:00pm  
Humanities building, room 009**

## ONE DAY, ONE GOAL

Montgomery College-Germantown, September 21



The idea of One Day, One Goal is to unite people from different communities and different cultures who would never normally play together. Football/soccer matches are held in every one of the 192 member states of the United Nations and beyond on this day known as Peace Day across the globe ([www.peaceday.org](http://www.peaceday.org)). Students at Montgomery College participated in this initiative by playing soccer in front of the HT building from 2:30 - 4:30 PM on Monday, Sept 21. Even Germantown Campus Vice President and Provost Dr. Sanjay Rai joined in the fun (pictured above, with student participants).

## DID YOU KNOW....

**...That the time has come for the MC SCHOLARSHIP CONFERENCE?**



On Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm, MC will host the annual Scholarship Conference with keynote address by renowned scholarship expert Marianne Ragins, author of "Winning Scholarships for College". The conference, which will be held in the HT building (Germantown campus), includes:

**Conference Keynote Address \* Financial Aid information \*  
Conference Exhibitors \* Student panels \* Conference Transfer  
Resources and Scholarship Information \* Representatives from  
Regional Colleges and Universities**

This event is free and open to the public, and can be a very valuable resource for anyone seeking funding for college. Find out more at <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/scholarshipconference/>.

*For more information about the Germantown Options for Adult Learners (G.O.A.L.) Program, please contact Amanda McIntosh at 240-567-6976 or [goal@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:goal@montgomerycollege.edu)*